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1. TANZANIA DAILY NEWS DECEMBER 16 REPORTED ARRIVAL IN
DAR ES SALAAM OF ZIPA LEADERS, RETURNING FROM GENEVA TALKS,
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (ZANU) DEFENCE
SECRETARY, NDUGU JOSIAH TONGOGARA AND ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S ARMY
(ZIPA) COMMANDER, NDUGU REX N'HONGO, ARRIVED IN DAR ES SALAAM
FROM GENEVA YESTERDAY AND SAID THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE
RACIST SETTLER REGIME IN RHODESIA WOULD BE INTENSIFIED.

THE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FIGHTERS TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE
AT THE DAR ES SALAAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THAT THE RACIST
SETTLERS WERE TRYING TO SRECK THE VONFERENCE.

NDUGU TONGOGARA TERMED IAN SMITH AS "VERY SILLY, STUPID
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AND CONFUSED" AND SAID THE SETTLERS WOULD HAVE TO BE DRIVEN OUT
OF THE COUNTRY BY FORCE IF THEY DID NOT CO-OPERATE TO MAKE THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE A SUCCESS. NDUGU TONGOGARA AND NDUGU N'HONGO
ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AS DELEGATES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHOSE
LEADERS ARE NDUGU ROBERT MUGABE (ZANU) AND JOSHUA NKOMO (TAPU).

" WE WANT SOME RESULTS FROM THE GENEVA TALKS, "NDUGU TONGOGARA SAID YESTERDAY. "BUT WE WON'T LOSE ANYTHING IF THE TALKS BREAK-UP. WE WANT THE TALKS TO SUCCEED BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY THE ARMED STRUGGLE IF THAT IS THE LANGUAGE THE RACISTS CAN UNDERSTAND".

THEY SAID THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ONLY BRITISH PARTICIPATION THEY WANTED TO SEE DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WAS THAT OF THE COLONIAL POWER (BRITAIN) PROVIDING ITS COLONY WITH A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

NDUGU N'HONGO SAID THAT ZIPA WOULD HAVE TO REPLACE THE RHODESIAN ARMY IN ZIMBABWE BECAUSE IT (ZIPA) IS A PEOPLE'S ARMY. "SO THE QUESTION OF SOMEBODY DEFENDING ANOTHER DOES NOT ARISE. NEITHER DOES THE QUESTION OF WHITE SETTLERS HOLDING THE DEFENCE AND LAW AND ORDER PORTFOLIOS IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ARISE".

ASKED WHETHER IAN SMITH WOULD REFUSE TO RECOGNISE DECISIONS REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE NATIONALISTS AND BRITAIN, NDUGU TONGOGARA SAID THEY WERE NOT BOTHERED ABOUT WHAT SMITH WOULD DO BECAUSE BRITAIN WAS THE COLONIAL POWER IN RHODESIA.

IT WOULD BE UP TO BRITAIN TO "DRILL SOME SENSE" INTO SMITH'S HEAD, HE SAID.

NDUGU TONGOGARA AND NDUGU N'HONGO EMPHASISED THAT ZIPA WAS NOT FIGHTING A RACIAL WAR. "ZIPA IS FIGHTING TO LIBERATE THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. NOTHING MORE. NOTHING LESS".

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THEY SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT NOT ALL THE NATIONALIST DELEGATIONS AT GENEVA "HAD THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS AT HEART."

THEY OBSERVED THAT THE FIGHTING FORCES WERE NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH PEOPLE. THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPAND THEIR OPERATIONAL ZONES UNTIL THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS INVOLVED. THE RECENT URBAN GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN BULAWAYO, THEY ADDED, MARKED A NEW PHASE IN THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE. UNQUOTE

SWAHILI-LANGUAGE UHURU ALSO SHOWED AKIM MUDENDE, ZANU'S REPRESENTATIVE IN EAST AFRICA, WITH THE GROUP. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ATTENDING GENEVA TALKS.
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